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1. (Currently amended) A computer peripheral comprising:

a receipt printer, including a housing;
a bar code reader in the housing; and
control circuitry in the housing for facilitating communication of receipt data between the printer and a separately housed controlling computer and bar code data between the bar code reader and the separately housed controlling computer over a single cable.

2. (Original) The peripheral of claim 1, wherein the bar code reader comprises an imaging scanner.

3. (Original) The peripheral of claim 2, wherein the imaging scanner comprises a charge coupled device scanner.

4. (Original) The peripheral of claim 1, wherein the bar code reader comprises a presentation scanner.

5. (Original) The peripheral of claim 1, wherein the bar code reader is located in a position in the housing that does not interfere with operation of the printer.

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6. (Original) The peripheral of claim 1, wherein the control circuitry comprises a universal serial bus hub.

7. (Currently amended) A computer peripheral comprising:

a housing;

a universal serial bus receipt printer in the housing;

a universal serial bus charge coupled device scanner in the housing, wherein the scanner functions as a presentation scanner and is located in a position in the housing that does not interfere with operation of the receipt printer; and

a universal serial bus hub in the housing for facilitating communication of receipt data between the printer and a separately housed controlling computer and bar code data between the bar code reader and the separately housed controlling computer over a single cable.

8. (Currently amended) A transaction system comprising:

a controlling computer, including a universal serial bus controller; and

a computer peripheral separately housed from the controlling computer including

a housing;

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a universal serial bus receipt printer in the housing;

a universal serial bus charge coupled device scanner in the housing, wherein the scanner functions as a presentation scanner and is located in a position in the housing that does not interfere with operation of the receipt printer; and

a universal serial bus hub in the housing for facilitating communication of receipt data between the printer and the computer and bar code data between the bar code reader and the computer over a single cable between the universal serial bus hub and the universal serial bus controller.